

***** GOATS *****

SCRAPIE

ALL goats for EXHIBITION within California require Official Identification (ID)

ALL goats for EXHIBITION from other states require Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) and Livestock Entry Permit into California

Interstate Livestock Entry Permit:

A separate permit from the Animal Health Branch, valid for 15 days prior to entry into California, is required for all goats.

Name, Physical Address and Telephone number required

Exemptions:

- 1) Goats less than 18 months of age in slaughter channels that have not kidded or aborted or are pregnant
- 2) Low risk commercial goats

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection:

A CVI is required for all sexually intact breeding goats imported into California AND the owner shall include the following phrase on the certificate: "The animals are not scrapie-positive, scrapie suspect, or from a non-compliant flock."

Exemptions:

- 1) Goats less than 18 months of age in slaughter channels that have not kidded, aborted or are pregnant
- 2) Low risk commercial goats
- 3) Goats moving for grazing without change of ownership
- 4) Goats over 18 months of age in slaughter channels.

Official Identification:

Required for all goats imported into California

Exemptions:

- 1) Goats less than 18 months of age in slaughter channels that have not kidded, aborted or are pregnant
- 2) Low risk commercial goats
- 3) Castrated goats less than 18 months of age that are not for exhibition
- 4) Goats moving for grazing without change of ownership.

All Animals imported for Exhibition require:

- 1) Interstate Livestock Entry Permit issued by California Department of Food and Agriculture
 - issued after CVI is issued
 - permit is valid for 15 days from date of issue
 - to obtain a permit contact California Department of Food and Agriculture Permits:
(916) 651-6278
- 2) Certificate of Veterinary Inspection
- 3) Official ID

***Low risk commercial goat: has NEVER commingled with sheep, is not scrapie-positive, suspect or been exposed to scrapie and comes from a state not considered high risk for goats. Registered goats and goats for exhibition are NOT low risk goats.

*****Official ID**

- 1) An identification ear tag approved by the USDA and CDFA as sufficiently tamper-resistant for the intended use and providing unique identification for each animal
- 2) Registration tattoo or electronic identification when accompanied by registration papers which include the tattoo or electronic ID number as appropriate. If using the electronic ID the owner must have functioning reader.
- 3) Non-registered goats may use USDA approved premises ID tattoos. These are issued by USDA and begin with the 2 digit state code, for example CA.
- 4) Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program Identification (SFCP) ear tags, tattoos or electronic ID (Owner must carry functioning reader).
- 5) Official USDA ear tags are acceptable even if not in the SFCP.

Official ID ear tags, Premises ID, and SFCP Numbers can be obtained through USDA at (916) 857-6170 or **toll free 1-866-USDA-TAG (1-866-873-2824)**

Change of ownership of all goats within California require official ID

Exemptions:

- 1) Animals less than 18 months of age in slaughter channels that have not kidded, aborted or are pregnant
- 2) Castrated animals less than 18 months of age that are not for exhibition

Links:

Eradicate Scrapie: National Scrapie Education Initiative

www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/nahps/scrapie

USDA Veterinary Services Scrapie Program

<http://animalagriculture.org/scrapie/Scrapie.htm>

California Department of Food and Agriculture Scrapie Regulations

www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/ah/scrapie_info.htm#AlertLoop